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JFK murder study may be reopened

WASHINGTON (AP) — A member of the Senate panel probing the CIA says there is a possibility of a reopening of the investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, R-Pa., said Sunday that a fatal flaw of the Warren Commission that looked into the Kennedy assassination is that it made no reference to a number of attempts to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro prior to Kennedy's death.

Schweiker said the Warren Commission did not know of these attempts, which, together with a warning to U.S. leaders by Castro 2½ months before the Dallas assassination, lead him to believe that "one of the spinoffs of our investigation could well be to reopen the Warren Commission investigation."

He said there was no doubt that there were attempts on Castro's life at the time from the United States "with governmental backing" and that these could provide "the motivational factor" for Kennedy's assassination. He added, however, that he had no hard evidence and that his comments expressed only his opinion and not the committee's.

Friday, committee chairman Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, said that there was no direct evidence linking past rents with assassination attempts outside the United States.

Schweiker, however, said that there also is no direct evidence exonerating presidents of assassination attempts.